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1. ADDING TO CYCLE OF STERILE RHETORIC REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY
FOR UNSUCCESSFUL NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS AND DEADLOCK IN CYPRUS
NEGOTIATIONS, TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH AND TURK CYPRIOT
NEGOTIATOR ONAN HAVE RESPONDED TO RECENT REMARKS OF ARCHBISHOP
MAKARIOS AND GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOUPOULOS (REFTELS).

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2. ONAN, IN SEPT. 25 ARRIVAL STATEMENT, CRITICIZED PAPADOPOULOS' "INTRANSGEST ATTITUDE IN NEW YORK ON QUESTION OF DEVOLVING TALKS TO SUB-COMMITTEES IN LINE WITH THE BRUSSELS ACCORD, CHARGED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE TRYING TO EXPLOIT NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS BY CLAIMING NO PROGRESS WAS MADE, AND RE-INTERATED THAT TURKISH SIDE SUPPORTS RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. AS FOR GREEK CHARGE THAT TURKS HAD AVOIDED SUBMITTING CONCRETE PROPOSALS, ONAN DISMISSED THIS AS PROPAGANDA AND SAID THAT CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND CRITERIA HAD BEEN SUBMITTED LONG AGO. "HOWEVER, IF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE INTERPRETS CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OVER AND ABOVE THE CRITERIA WE HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED, THEN THEY ARE WRONG. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT EXPECT US TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES BEFORE THE PROPOSAL IS DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEES."

3. DENKTASH, SPEAKING TO THE PRESS SEPT. 28, REPEATED STANDARD CHARGES THAT MAKARIOS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LACK OF PROGRESS, STILL COMMITTED TO ENOSIS, AND MORE INTERESTED IN PROPAGANDA THAN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. ALLEGING THAT IT WAS THE GREEK SIDE WHICH HAD ABANDONED THE NEGOTIATIONS, DENKTASH DECLARED THAT TURKS WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE CRITERIA ALREADY SUBMITTED. MOREOVER, "IF THEY GIVE US MORE TANGIBLE CRITERIA, THEN WE SHALL BE WILLING TO REVIEW OUR OWN CRITERIA." DENKTASH ALSO REPEATED HIS NON-STARTER PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS' REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THIS WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THEIR BAD FAITH.

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